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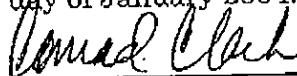
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

WELLS et al.

Serial No.: 09/482,653

Filed: January 13, 2000

For: AUTOMATIC MULTIPLE-  
DECANTING CENTRIFUGE AND  
CONTAINER THEREFOR

Art Unit: 1723

Examiner: COOLEY, Charles E.

**SUPPLEMENTAL RESPONSE PURSUANT TO 37 CFR 1.111**

Hon. Commissioner for Patents  
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

SIR:

In further response to the office action of September 23, 2003, (and in response to the notice of December 29, 2003) please amend the above-identified application as follows: